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**Scholarship Application for the 2025–2026 School Year**

The goal of the Cress Creek Garden Club Scholarship Committee is to provide aid to students of higher learning in the areas of horticulture, landscaping, landscape design, conservation, agriculture, forestry, ecology, botany, environmental studies, and related fields.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your current Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending or Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College Attending in the Fall of 2025: First choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Expenses: Tuition, Fees $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room/Board $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attendance: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Part Time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Certification(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**We must receive the completed application packet by March 1, 2025.** **No late applications will be considered.**

Send all information in a packet to: **Cress Creek Garden Club of Naperville, Inc.**

**PO Box 4481**

**Naperville, IL 60567**

If you have questions, please contact

CCGC Scholarship Chairwomen

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**Cress Creek Garden Club Scholarship Guidelines**

IF YOU ARE A FIRST-TIME APPLICANT FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR APPLIED IN A PREVIOUIS YEAR UNSUCCESSFULLY, YOU MUST:

* Submit a completed application packet **on or before** **March 1, 2025.**
* Be in your senior year of or have graduated from high school or have earned a GED.
* Be enrolled in or accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning.
* Furnish the most recent **OFFICIAL** transcripts from high school or college.
* Be enrolled in a major relating to horticulture or related studies such as environmental science, landscape design, forestry, botany, floral design.

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET IS DUE March 1, 2025, AND MUST INCLUDE:**

1. A completed scholarship application form
2. Most recent **OFFICIAL** transcripts from high school or college.
3. **Two sealed letters** of recommendation on official stationery, with the signature across the seal; each should come from an advisor, academic instructor, volunteer coordinator, work/activity supervisor, or mentor. References should be from people who are familiar with the student’s career goals and interests, but **do not have a familial relationship** with the student. The letters must Include references’ contact information with email addresses and phone numbers.
4. An essay of 300 words with the following focal points:

* How and why, you envision your future in your selected field of interest.
* The nature of your participation in organized activities and clubs, and the way in which those experiences inform your vision.
* Work, internships, or volunteering which have contributed to your personal journey.
* Additional information you wish to include to support your application.

IF YOU ARE A CURRENT CCGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT **REAPPLYING** FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST SUBMIT:

1. A completed scholarship application form
2. An **official transcript** for your college coursework through December of 2024, and a list of the coursework you will complete in the spring of 2025.
3. **One sealed letter** of recommendation on official stationery, with the signature across the seal from an advisor, academic instructor, volunteer coordinator, work/activity supervisor, or mentor. The reference should be from a person who is familiar with the student’s career goals and interests but **does not have a familial relationship**. Include the reference’s contact information with email address and phone number.
4. An essay of 300 words which addresses the following:

* An updated vision of your future in your selected field of interest.
* An update of your participation in organized activities and clubs, and the way in which those experiences have further informed your vision.
* Work, internships, or volunteering which have contributed to your progress.
* Additional information you wish to include to support your application.

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Scholarship recipients will be determined in April based on the above criteria. Notification will take place in May. All scholarships are paid directly to the schools of the recipients prior to the fall semester.

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